



## **Fast Facts: NOAA Weather Radio**

NOAA Weather Radio can help save your life...

- NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day.
- Weather Radios equipped with a special alarm tone feature can sound an alert and give immediate information about a life-threatening situation, even when you are asleep.
- Weather radios come in many sizes and with a variety of functions and costs; from simple, battery-operated portables, to CB radios, scanners, and short wave sets.
- SAME (Specific Area Message Encoding) technology, a new feature in the NOAA Weather Radio system, let's listeners pre-select the National Weather Service alerts they want to receive, based on the county where they live.
- NOAA Weather Radios are available at electronics stores across the country.
- The hearing and visually impaired can receive watches and warnings by connecting weather radios alarm tones to other kinds of attention-getting devices, like strobe lights, pagers, bed-shakers, personal computers and text printers.
- There are more than 480 NOAA Weather Radio stations in the 50 states and near adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and U.S. Pacific Territories.
- NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts watches when conditions are favorable for severe weather, and warnings when the occurrence of severe weather is imminent.
- NOAA Weather Radio is available in many coastal and wilderness areas, as well as highways and rest areas.

- NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts warnings, as well as post-event information for all types of hazards, both natural (such as earthquakes, tornados, or volcanic activity) and technological (such as chemical releases or oil spills).
- The goal of the National Weather Service and other emergency preparedness agencies is to expand the reach of weather radio broadcasts to 95 percent of the U.S. population.
- The audio you hear on local cable is typically a rebroadcast of NOAA Weather Radio
- NOAA Weather Radio is provided as a public service by the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.